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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002, the following amendments and comments are submitted for your approval. A separate Petition for Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith such that this Amendment will be considered timely filed.

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